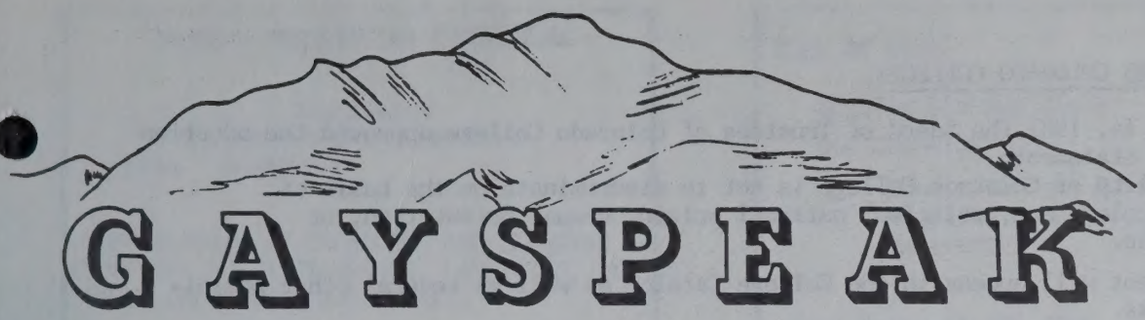

GAYSPEAK

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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GAYSPEAK IS ALIVE AND GETTING WELL:

Welcome to the first issue of Gayspeak for 1988. Beginning in February you should receive your issues in the first week of each month.

Gayspeak is designed to be the newsletter for Pikes Peak Gay Community Center and we want it to be as complete as possible. We need your help. If you or your group is planning something that you want the Community to know about, let us know.

Each issue will include a calendar of events that will only be as complete as the information you provide us. If this is really going to be a community newsletter we must have the community's input. When your group or organization is planning an event, let us know and we can help you get the word out.

But...there is a deadline for submitting articles and information. The deadline is the THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH for the next issue. February's deadline is January 19. The deadlines coincide with the monthly PPGCC Board meetings and you may either submit your material at that time or mail it to PPGCC Gayspeak, P.O. Box 574, Colo. Spgs., 80901. Or call the Helpline and leave a message for us to get back with you. Whatever it takes, let us know what is happening and we will see that it gets into your Newsletter.

JANUARY EVENTS:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 GAA 8p.m.	12	13 40+ 7 p.m. PPMCC Bible study 7 to 8 *	14 SOS 7:30 p.m.	15 GAA 8 p.m.	16
17 CC: 10:30 PPMCC 5 p.m. S & P x-country ski trip	18 GAA 8 p.m.	19 S-1 6:15 PPGCC Board Mtng 7 p.m.	20 PPMCC Bible Study 7 to 8 * 40+ 7 p.m.	21 SOS 7:30 p.m.	22 GAA 8 p.m.	23 S & P x-country ski trip
24 CC 10:30am PPMCC 5p.m meeting after 10:30 PPMCC 5 p.m.	25 GAA 8 p.m.	26	27 PPMCC Bible study 7 to 8 * 40+ 7 p.m.	28 SOS 7:30	29 GAA 8 p.m.	30
31 CC 1st annivers.						

CC: Christ Chapel
PPMCC: Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church
S & P: Seek and Peek
S-1: Step One
GAA: Gay A.A.
40+: 40 Plus
SOS: Sisters of Sapho
HL: Helpline
GALA: Gay and Lesbian Alliance
D: Dignity
ICSC: Imperial Court of Southern Colo.

GAY RIGHTS REACHES COLORADO COLLEGE:

On November 14, 1987 the Board of Trustees of Colorado College approved the adoption of the following statement:

> The policy of Colorado College is not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or handicap.

This statement will appear in the College Catalog as well as several other administrative handbooks.

As one school official pointed out this is "evidence of progress at C.C. We're by no means a pioneer in the nation, but we are the first college in Colorado to do it."

"THE DR. RUTH OF DYKEDOM"

JoAnn Loulan, Psychotherapist and author of Lesbian Passion and Lesbian Sex will be in Denver January 15th and 16th. On the evening of 15th Dr. Loulan will present "an evening of outrageous comedy and lesbian sex education. From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 16th Dr. Loulan will present a workshop exploring common concerns and "creative ideas in lesbian sex and relationships.

Both events will take place at First Divine Science Church, 14th and Williams in Denver. For more information contact Nona Gandelman at 1-494-6403 or call the Book Garden or Category Six in Denver.

NEWS*NEWS*NEWS:

If you have announcements or know of Gay and Lesbian events happening in and around Colorado....please let us know. Call the Helpline, 471-4GAy or drop a note to Gayspeak, P.O. Box 574, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

STEP ONE:

When Step One began last year it was designed for men and women who were investigating the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle as well as those already in the lifestyle who felt the need for an affirmative support system. This is still true but the group has evolved and now sees itself as a place for those exploring the lifestyle and those new to Colorado Springs as well as those who have made the decision to become involved in the Gay community in a more active way.

Step One meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting of each month is slated as a discussion and the second meeting will be an activity like going to a movie, bingo, sponsoring a dance, etc.

On February 2, 1988 everyone is invited to come to Step One. The topic will be "Not all parents are straight." For more information contact the Helpline, 471-4GAY.

CHRIST CHAPEL:

January 31, 1988 marks the first anniversary for this Colorado Springs church. It is our understanding that the minister of the original Christ Chapel in California will preach this special service.

Christ Chapel meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the East end of Perry Plaza and everyone is welcome.

PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH:

PPMCC meets every Sunday at 5p.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon, Colorado Springs. They also hold a weekly Bible study group on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Call 634-3771 for more information.

A meeting of the congregation is scheduled after their January 24, 1988 service.

SISTERS OF SAPPHO:

Sisters of Sappho is an all women's support group dealing with women's issues. They meet every Thursday evening at 7:30. They are currently dealing with the issue of relationships. For more information call the Helpline, 471-4Gay.

40 PLUS:

This is an all women's support group for women over 40. They meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. They are planning a chili cook-out on Valentines Day and all community women are invited. For more information call the Helpline, 471-4Gay.

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AIDS SIMPLIFIED (as much as possible):
by Lorri Ellis, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, PPGCC Board of Directors

What is AIDS?

Acquired	"not born with"
Immune	"body's defense system"
Deficiency	"not working properly"
Syndrome	"a group of signs and symptom"

AIDS is caused by a virus. If the virus gets into the blood stream it attacks certain parts of the body's immune system. Some illnesses that the body normally would fight off become problems (at times life threatening).

What causes AIDS?

AIDS is caused by a virus now called HIV (Human Imunodeficiency Virus). HIV breaks down the body's immune system, first attacking the body's T-Cells (the cells responsible for recog-nizing infections and alerting the immune system). When the virus puts the T-Cells out of operation, the immune system cannot respond properly.

Can the AIDS virus be casually transmitted?

There are NO reported cases of AIDS or HIV infection as a result of casaul contact. Ordinary household and workplace contact with people infected with HIV is completely safe. You cannot become infected by sharing eating and drinking utensils, bathrooms, swimming pools, elevators, busses or other public facilities. Nor can you get AIDS from a caring hug.

How is the AIDS virus spread?

HIV (AIDS virus) is spread from one person to another through intimate sexual contact involving the sharing of bodily secretions (primarily blood and semen). HIV is also passed between IV drug users who share needles. Receiving blood or blood products contaminated with the virus can and has caused infection, but this risk has been greatly reduced by testing all donated blood for antibodies to the virus. Infected Mothers can pass the virus to their infants through the bloodstream before and/or during birth or through secretions such as breast milk after birth.

Is there a test for AIDS?

There is no test for AIDS per se. The current test is for antibodies against HIV. An anti-body is a protein made by your body in response to an infection. The test is very reliable, though if there is any question repeat tests are recommended.

Anyone at risk of infection by the HIV virus are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the free testing currently available

It is very important to remember that if you do test positive for the HIV antibody it does not mean you have AIDS. It means your body has been infected with the virus at some time and your body is responding. Currently it is thought that 10 to 30% of those infected with the virus go on to develop AIDS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AIDS PLEASE CALL THE SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS PROJECT INFORMATION LINE AT 578-9092 or the EL PASO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 578-3148.

If you are interested in helping me educate the public about AIDS please contact the Helpline at 471-4GAY/ I need all the help I can get. Lorri Ellis, Speakers Bureau Coordinator.

S-CAP:

Southern Colorado Aids Project meets on the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome to their meetings. The next general board of directors meeting will be held January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Auxillary Building.

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$1,000.00 - Angel

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